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THE 1925-26 OIL SEED ACREAGE IN INDIA.

The first estimate of the area sown to flaxseed in India for the 1925-26 season is 2,768,000 acres. Last year the first estimate was 2,845,000 acres and the final estimate 3,695,000 acres. Although the first estimate for the 1925-26 crop is 2.7 per cent below that of last season, it is above all other first estimates for the last ten years with the exception of that of 1917-18 which amounted to 2,827,000 acres. The 1924-25 crop amounted to 21,640,000 bushels, or a yield of about 5.9 bushels per acre. The average yield per acre for the last 10 years has been approximately 5.5 bushels.

First estimates during the last ten years have averaged about 70 per cent of the final acreage figures, except in 1918-19, when prolonged drought from October to December restricted sowing and resulted in a final figure 2 per cent below the first estimate. This difference between the two estimates is largely accounted for by the addition at the time of the final estimate of figures for the mixed crop of the United Provinces, consisting of flaxseed interspersed with gram, barley etc. the data for which are not earlier available. The difference between the two estimates has averaged approximately 630,000 acres for the last 10 years. The estimates are based upon reports from provinces and states which have averaged about 99 per cent of the total flaxseed area of India during the past decade.

The 1925-26 rape and mustard seed area is estimated to be 3,366,000 acres compared with the first estimate of 3,528,000 acres last season when the final acreage was 6,376,000 acres. The first estimates of rape and mustard seed sown for the past three seasons have averaged between 55 and 58 per cent of the final acreage figures.



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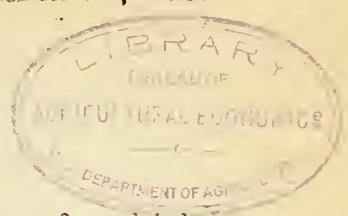
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THE WORLD FLAXSEED SITUATION



The total 1925 production of flaxseed in 18 countries for which statistical returns have been received in the Department of Agriculture up to the present date, is estimated at 138,997,000 bushels compared with 110,322,000 bushels produced by the same countries in 1924. In 1923 and 1924 these 18 countries (See Table 1) produced approximately 83 per cent of the world flax crop, and in the five years preceding the war accounted for approximately 80 per cent of world production, or 89,132,000 bushels out of an estimated world crop of 111,500,000 bushels. The only important flaxseed producing country not included in this total is British India, for which no official returns are as yet available for the 1925-26 crop. In 1924-25 British India produced approximately 21,600,000 bushels.

The four principal flaxseed producing countries included in the foregoing calculations are Argentina, United States, Russia and Canada. The combined production of these four countries in 1925 was 130,909,000 bushels, and in 1923 and 1924 they produced approximately 77 per cent of the world crop.

Argentina Surplus Big Factor

Argentina, which during the three years 1922 - 1924 produced over 40 per cent of the total world production, not only retains her position as the leading flaxseed producing country in the world, but her contribution to the world flaxseed supply this year is considerably above previous years, the crop being estimated at 75,000,000 bushels or 66 per cent above last year's production. The record breaking crop in Argentina this season will mean an exportable surplus variously estimated at from 57,000,000 to 69,000,000 bushels. The distribution of this surplus, together with the European demand for flaxseed and linseed oil, will play a dominant part in the domestic flaxseed situation during the coming crop year.

The principal flaxseed exporting countries are: Argentina, British India, and Canada. The combined exports of these three countries in 1925 amounted to 57,935,000 bushels, as compared with 69,564,000 bushels in 1924, when the exports represented over 90 per cent of the movement of flaxseed entering into international trade that year. The principal flaxseed importing countries are: The United States, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Germany and France. The total imports of these five countries in 1925 amounted to 56,029,000 bushels as compared with 57,416,000 bushels in 1924, in which year their imports represented over 80 per cent of the flaxseed entering into international trade.





### German Imports Increase

One of the significant development of the international trade is flaxseed during the year was the increase of 4,762,000 bushels over 1924 in the German imports, while the imports into the United Kingdom show a decline from 1924 of substantially the same quantity (4,225,000 bushels). On the other hand, the United Kingdom imported 38,445,000 pounds of linseed oil in 1925 as compared with only 5,902,000 pounds in 1924, while the German imports of linseed oil fell only from 68,508,000 pounds in 1924 to 58,779,000 pounds in 1925. Before the war, Germany and the United Kingdom imported substantially the same quantity of flaxseed, i.e., about 15,500,000 bushels, while the imports of linseed oil in each country were just about balanced by the exports of linseed oil. (See Table 9).

### United States Production and Requirements

The United States produces considerably less than its domestic requirements of flaxseed. In 1924, when we had an unusually large crop (31,711,000 bushels), the imports of flaxseed and seed equivalent of linseed oil amounted to 14,677,000 bushels, making the total available supply of 46,388,000 bushels. The total amount of flaxseed used in the production of linseed oil in the United States during the 12 months ending June 30, 1925, according to returns made to the Bureau of the Census, amounted to 40,511,000 bushels, compared with 36,202,000 bushels used during the 12 months ending June 30, 1924. The imports of flaxseed and linseed oil (in terms of seed) during the 7 months ending January 31, 1926 amounted to 9,262,901 bushels. Flaxseed used in the production of linseed oil during the six months ending December 30, 1925 amounted to 19,620,000 bushels, or slightly more than the quantity of flaxseed crushed during the corresponding period of 1924 (See Table 5). The latest estimate places the 1925 flaxseed crop in the United States at 22,007,000 bushels.

### Flaxseed Prices

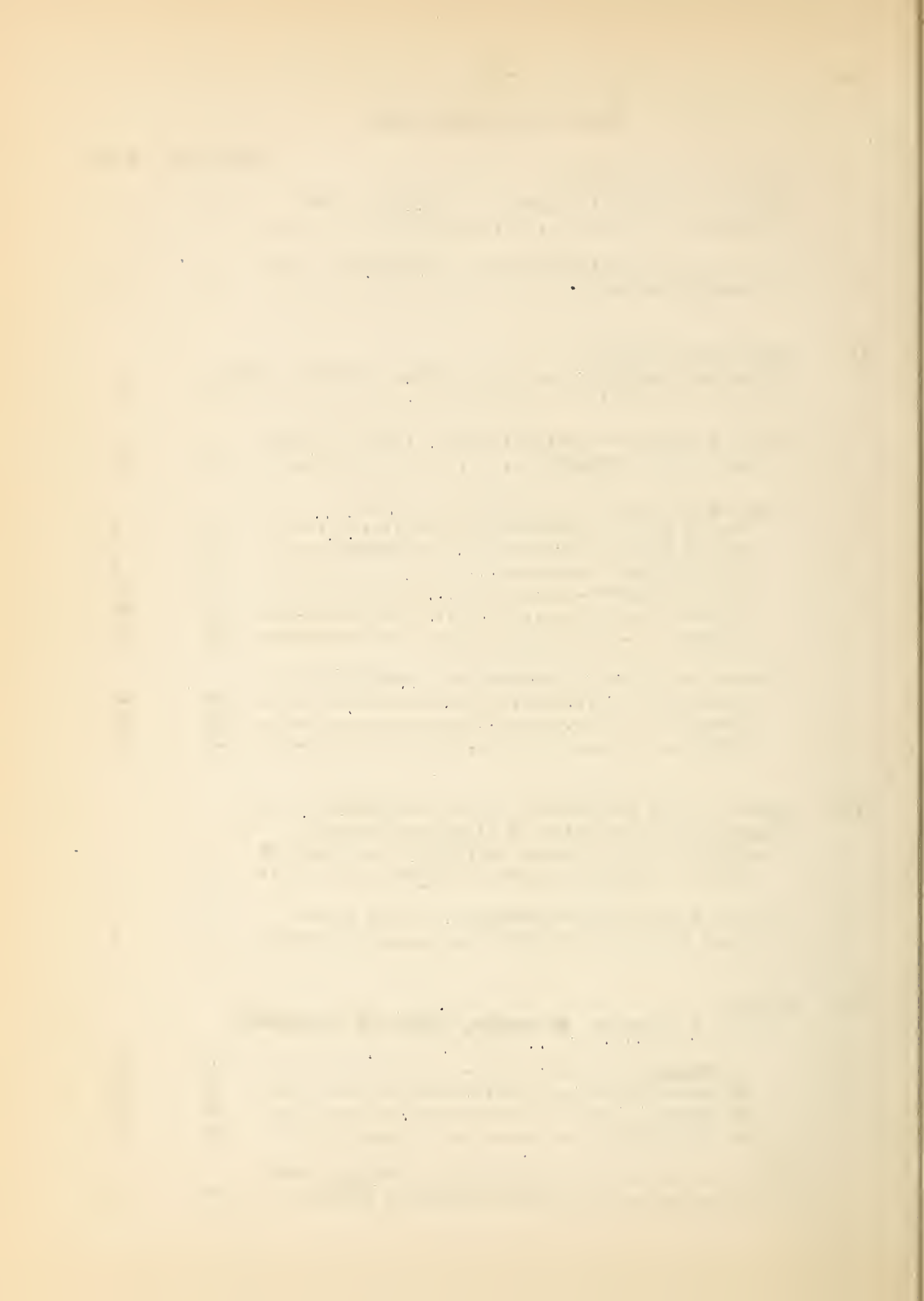
During the two years immediately preceding the World War (1912-13 and 1913-14), the average annual price of flaxseed at Minneapolis, our chief primary market, was \$1.28 and \$1.52 a bushel, respectively. During the war prices began to rise and reached their maximum in 1919-1920, when the average price for the year was \$4.52 a bushel. In the spring of 1921, the price of flaxseed declined with other commodities and by April of that year the price reached a new low level of \$1.58 a bushel. Following the enactment of the Emergency Tariff in May, 1921, the price of flaxseed began to rise and by January, 1922, had reached \$2.13 a bushel. Since then the price of flaxseed has never been less than that amount and for the 1924 crop the average was \$2.72 a bushel, the highest price since the war and post-war periods.





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The monthly average price for February, 1926, for cash flaxseed at Minneapolis was \$2.43 a bushel compared with \$3.12 a bushel during the corresponding month of 1925. The January price at Minneapolis was \$2.50 this year compared with \$3.15 in January, 1925. The monthly average price of flaxseed at Minneapolis, Winnipeg, and Buenos Aires for 1925, with comparisons for certain prior years will be found in Tables 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 on pages 335, 336, and 337.

TABLE 1. - FLAX: Production in specified countries, average 1909-1913,  
annual 1922 - 1925

Country	Average 1909-1913 a/	1922	1923	1924	1925 Prelim- inary
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
NORTHERN AMERICA	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Canada.....	12,040	5,009	7,140	9,695	9,297
United States.....	19,543	10,375	17,060	31,711	22,007
Total North America.....	31,583	15,384	24,200	41,406	31,304
EUROPE					
United Kingdom -					
Northern Ireland.....					
Irish Free State.....					
Sweden.....	b/ 14	6	4		
Netherlands.....	376	250	258	346	315
Belgium.....	c/ 472	356	413	464	461
France.....	534	289	288	417	310
Spain.....	c/ 26	51	51	(50)	45
Italy.....	340	413	402	422	394
Austria.....	112	48	52	65	
Czechoslovakia.....	425	312	362	356	492
Hungary.....	63	41	30	42	
Yugoslavia.....	161				
Bulgaria.....	6	3	11	4	5
Rumania.....	b/ 707	194	248	223	315
Poland.....	1,703	1,905	2,338	2,240	2,441
Lithuania.....	1,126	1,108	1,056	1,332	1,653
Latvia.....	950	562	347	980	1,102
Estonia.....	733	328	347	460	513
Finland.....					
Russia, including Asiatic territory.....	18,984	11,044	13,389	16,523	24,605
Total Europe reporting all years including Asiatic:					
Russia.....	26,395	16,906	19,810	22,817	32,656

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TABLE 1. - FLAXSEED: Production in specified countries, average 1909-1913, annual 1922 - 1925, Cont'd.

Country	Average 1909-1913 a/	1922	1923	1924	1925 Prelim- inary
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
NORTH AFRICA					
Kenya.....		34	15	10	
Morocco.....		267	253	415	481
Algeria.....	13	7	11	4	
Tunis.....	37	3	27	15	37
Egypt.....		14	13	25	
ASIA					
India d/.....	20,578	21,720	18,480	21,640	
Japan.....	b/ 98	371	234	213	
Total Northern Hemisphere countries reporting all years.....	58,015	32,238	44,037	65,238	63,997
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE					
Chile.....	19	5	9		
Uruguay.....	b/ 951	719	1,173	1,542	
Argentina.....	31,117	47,577	58,005	45,084	75,000
Australia.....	c/ 9	3			
New Zealand.....		205	157	116	
Total Southern Hemisphere countries reporting all years.....	31,117	47,577	58,005	45,084	75,000
Total Northern and South- ern Hemisphere countries reporting all years.....	89,132	79,815	102,042	110,322	138,997
Estimated world total f/	131,500	102,800	122,500	154,400	

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture except as otherwise stated. Estimates given are for crops harvested during the calendar year in the Northern Hemisphere and the succeeding harvest in the Southern Hemisphere with the exception of India. See note on India.

a/ Averages for European countries are estimated for territory within present boundaries. b/ Four-year average. c/ Three-year average. d/ Figures are for crop sown in autumn of year given and harvested in the spring of the succeeding year. e/ Two-year average. f/ Excludes a few minor producing countries which do not enter into world trade and for which no acreage or production statistics are available.





TABLE 2. - FLAX: Acreage in specified countries a/

Country	1909-13:	1922 :	1923 :	1924 :	1925
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: <u>Acres</u>	: <u>Acres</u>	: <u>Acres</u>	: <u>Acres</u>	: <u>Acres</u>
Countries growing mostly or entirely for seed -	:	:	:	:	:
United States.....	2,490	1,113	2,014	3,469	3,012
Canada.....	1,035	565	630	1,277	1,128
India b/.....	3,825	3,382	3,730	3,695	
Argentina b/.....	4,113	4,270	5,361	5,373	6,201
Uruguay b/.....	c/ 127	84	105	146	125
Total above countries.....	11,590	9,414	11,840	13,966	
Russia, seed and fiber.....	3,165	2,160	2,318	2,364	3,414
Total acreage for both seed and fiber	:	:	:	:	:
of all countries reporting for 1909-13	:	:	:	:	:
and 1922 - 1925 d/.....	12,007	9,071	11,394	14,164	15,049

Official sources and the International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ All of the most important flaxseed producing countries are included except Russia. In that country as in most European countries where the crop is grown for both seed and fiber, the only acreage figure available is the total acreage for both seed and fiber. b/ Acreage in Argentina, Uruguay and India is for the crop sown in the year given and harvested mostly or entirely in the succeeding year. c/ Four-year average. d/ It will be noted that this figure is smaller than the total above for flaxseed area. This is because India is omitted from the lower totals due to the lack of figures for 1925.

TABLE 3. - FLAXSEED: Imports into the United States, by countries, 1910-1926

Year ending June 30	Argen- tina	Canada	British India	Other countries:	Total
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>
1910.....	3,029	1,410	194	369	5,002
1911.....	5,021	2,251	2,334	893	10,499
1912.....	1,211	3,511	1,525	595	6,842
1913.....	429	4,732	129	4	5,294
1914.....	---	8,647	a/	6	8,653
1915.....	3,928	6,630	40	63	10,666
1916.....	11,468	3,095	---	116	14,679
1917.....	5,009	7,015	123	247	12,394
1918.....	7,422	5,501	---	434	13,367
1919.....	6,977	1,504	11	135	8,427
1920.....	22,242	816	---	334	23,392
1921.....	13,145	2,635	---	390	16,170
1922.....	10,409	3,013	12	198	13,632
1923.....	22,331	2,191	---	484	25,006
1924.....	16,169	3,265	40	3	19,577
1925.....	8,255	5,137	---	27	13,419
1926 7 months, July 1925-	:	:	:	:	:
Jan. 1926.....	6,828	2,143	---	30	9,006

Compiled from Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States 1910-1918, Monthly Summaries of Foreign Commerce, June issues 1920-1925 and official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. a/ Less than 500 bushels.

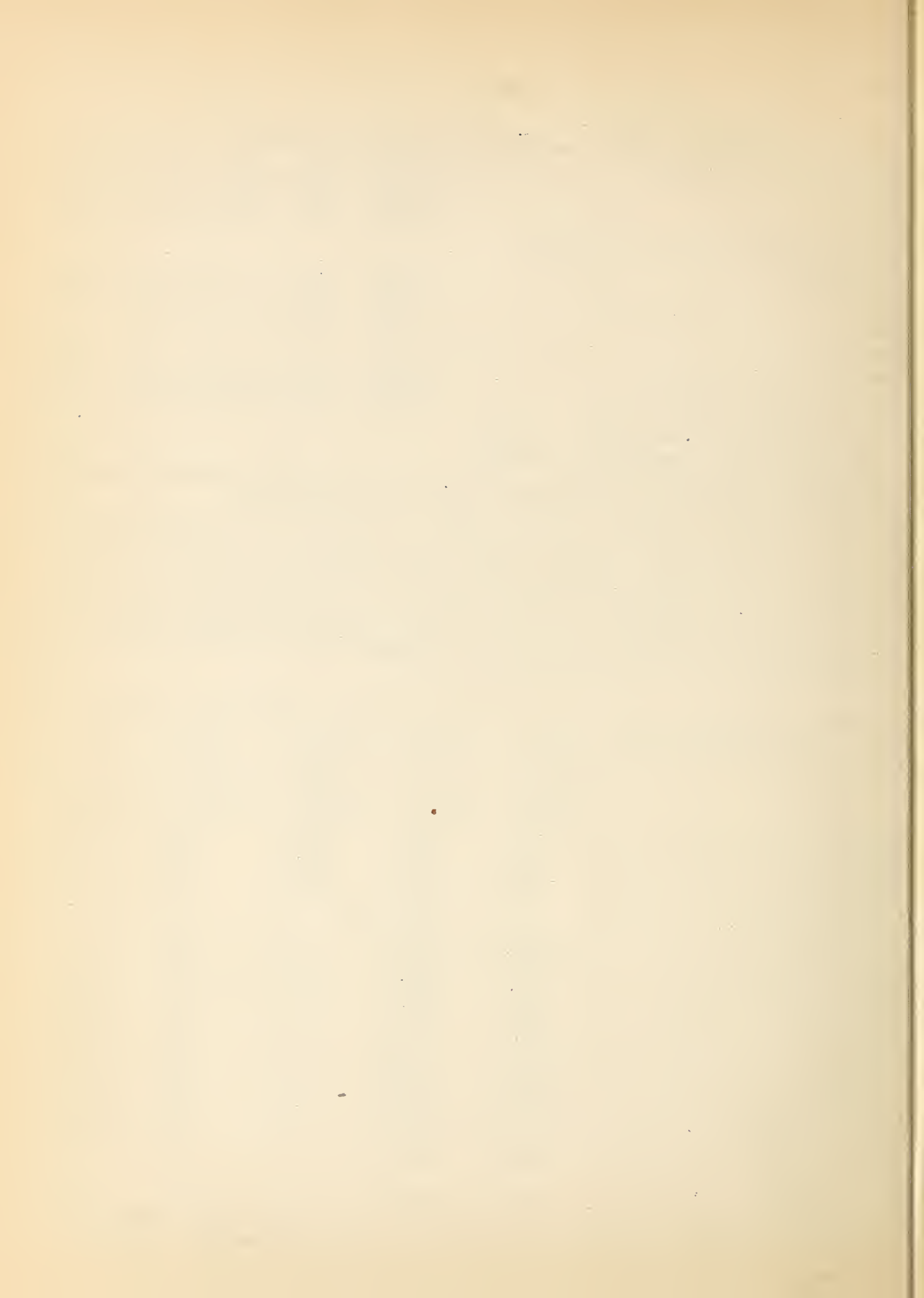


TABLE 4. - FLAXSEED: Imports into the United States, by months and countries, calendar years 1924 and 1925

Month	Argentina		Canada	
	1924	1925	1924	1925
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
January.....	54,681	255,526	342,087	422,919
February.....	1,027,263	1,365,706	101,399	323,555
March.....	2,240,539	756,050	44,224	77,680
April.....	1,856,526	1,434,376	103,298	664,379
May.....	3,069,775	423,572	608,872	1,725,814
June.....	2,153,353	614,254	341,486	714,214
July.....	1,858,065	503,109	349,823	432,530
August.....	891,487	547,420	326,261	534,530
September.....	423,611	570,796	36,838	158,280
October.....	205,765	819,685	142	458,563
November.....	18,792	1,468,429	7,838	262,789
December.....	7,972	1,778,521	487,720	142,178
Total.....	13,337,829	10,537,444	2,749,988	5,917,431
	Other countries		Total	
January.....	975	---	427,743	673,445
February.....	---	---	1,128,662	1,689,261
March.....	---	197	2,284,763	833,927
April.....	---	23,128	1,939,224	2,121,883
May.....	---	3,314	3,678,647	2,152,700
June.....	---	---	2,494,839	1,328,468
July.....	---	2	2,207,883	935,641
August.....	---	8	1,217,743	1,081,958
September.....	---	---	460,449	729,076
October.....	---	---	205,907	1,278,243
November.....	89	28,160	26,719	1,759,378
December.....	---	2	495,692	1,920,701
Total.....	1,064	54,811	16,588,881	16,509,686

Compiled from Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce of the United States, supplemented from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.



TABLE 5. - FLAXSEED: Imports, Exports, and net supply of flaxseed and linseed oil in the United States, 1911-1925.

Crop year	Acreage - production	Fiscal year ending June 30	Imports			Exports			Total (domestic and foreign)			Net supply		
			1,000 acres	bu.	Oil a/ (in, terms of seed)	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
1911...	2,757	19,370	1912	6,842	295	7,137	26,507	26	99	125	26,381	bu.	125	26,381
1912...	2,851	28,073	1913	5,294	69	5,364	33,437	17	694	711	32,726	bu.	711	32,726
1913...	2,291	17,853	1914	8,653	77	8,730	26,583	306	96	402	26,182	bu.	402	26,182
1914...	1,645	13,749	1915	10,666	214	10,880	24,629	67	485	552	24,077	bu.	552	24,077
1915...	1,337	14,030	1916	14,579	20	14,609	28,729	3	286	288	28,441	bu.	288	28,441
1916...	1,474	14,296	1917	12,394	44	12,438	26,734	1	481	482	26,253	bu.	482	26,253
1917...	1,984	9,134	1918	13,367	20	13,387	22,551	22	476	499	22,052	bu.	499	22,052
1918...	1,910	13,363	1919	8,427	396	8,823	22,192	16	439	455	21,737	bu.	455	21,737
1919...	1,503	7,256	1920	23,392	1,820	25,212	32,468	49	457	500	31,962	bu.	500	31,962
1920...	1,757	10,774	1921	16,170	799	16,969	27,743	1	225	226	27,517	bu.	226	27,517
1921...	1,108	8,029	1922	13,632	8,998	22,630	30,659	2	149	151	30,508	bu.	151	30,508
1922...	1,113	10,375	1923	25,006	3,027	28,033	38,408:c/	e/	166	165	38,242	bu.	165	38,242
1923...	2,014	17,060	1924	19,577	951	20,528	37,588:d/	e/	140	140	37,448	bu.	140	37,448
1924...	3,469	31,711	1925	13,419	1,258	14,677	46,388:d/	e/	128	128	46,260	bu.	128	46,260
1925...	b/ 3,012	22,007												

Compiled from U. S. Department of Agriculture official estimates and reports of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Oil converted to seed on basis of 7-1/2 lbs. to a gallon and 2-1/2 gallons of oil to the bushel.  
b/ Preliminary.

c/ Less than 500 bus. for the 6 mos. ending Dec. 31, 1922; not separately reported since that date.  
d/ Not separately reported.

e/ Represents domestic oil only. Exports of "foreign" linseed oil not separately reported since December, 1922, but included with exports of "other vegetable oils" (foreign) n.e.s. Exports of "foreign" linseed oil for the 6 mos. ending Dec. 31, 1922 were the equivalent of 260 bushels of flaxseed.





TABLE 6 - FLAXSEED: Used in the production of oil in the United States, 1919-1925.

Year beginning July 1	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	Total
	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>
1913 .....	----	----	1,041,000	4,785,000	----
1919 .....	6,899,000	7,684,000	6,336,000	6,407,000	27,326,000
1920 .....	6,542,000	6,341,000	6,343,000	6,332,000	25,558,000
1921 .....	5,312,000	7,539,000	6,713,000	3,441,000	23,005,000
1922 .....	5,335,000	8,602,000	8,252,000	8,639,000	34,166,000
1923 .....	8,223,000	8,970,000	9,575,000	9,434,000	36,202,000
1924 .....	7,550,000	11,530,000	12,303,000	9,128,000	40,511,000
1925 .....	7,522,000	11,798,000	----	----	----

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 7 - NETHERLANDS: Imports of flaxseed and linseed oil, by countries, 1924 and 1925

Country from which imported	Year ending December 31	
	1924	1925
	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>
Argentina .....	9,777	7,635
Belgium .....	675	1,145
India .....	650	634
Russia (Europe) .....	123	360
Latvia .....	87	120
Germany .....	77	91
United States .....	21	---
China .....	19	---
Great Britain .....	---	107
Canada .....	---	20
Lithuania .....	4	18
Other countries .....	46	41
Total .....	11,479	10,221
Linseed oil-		
In terms of flaxseed..	32	9
Total flaxseed		
and linseed oil .....	11,511	10,230

Compiled from Maandstatistiek van den in- en Doorvoer.

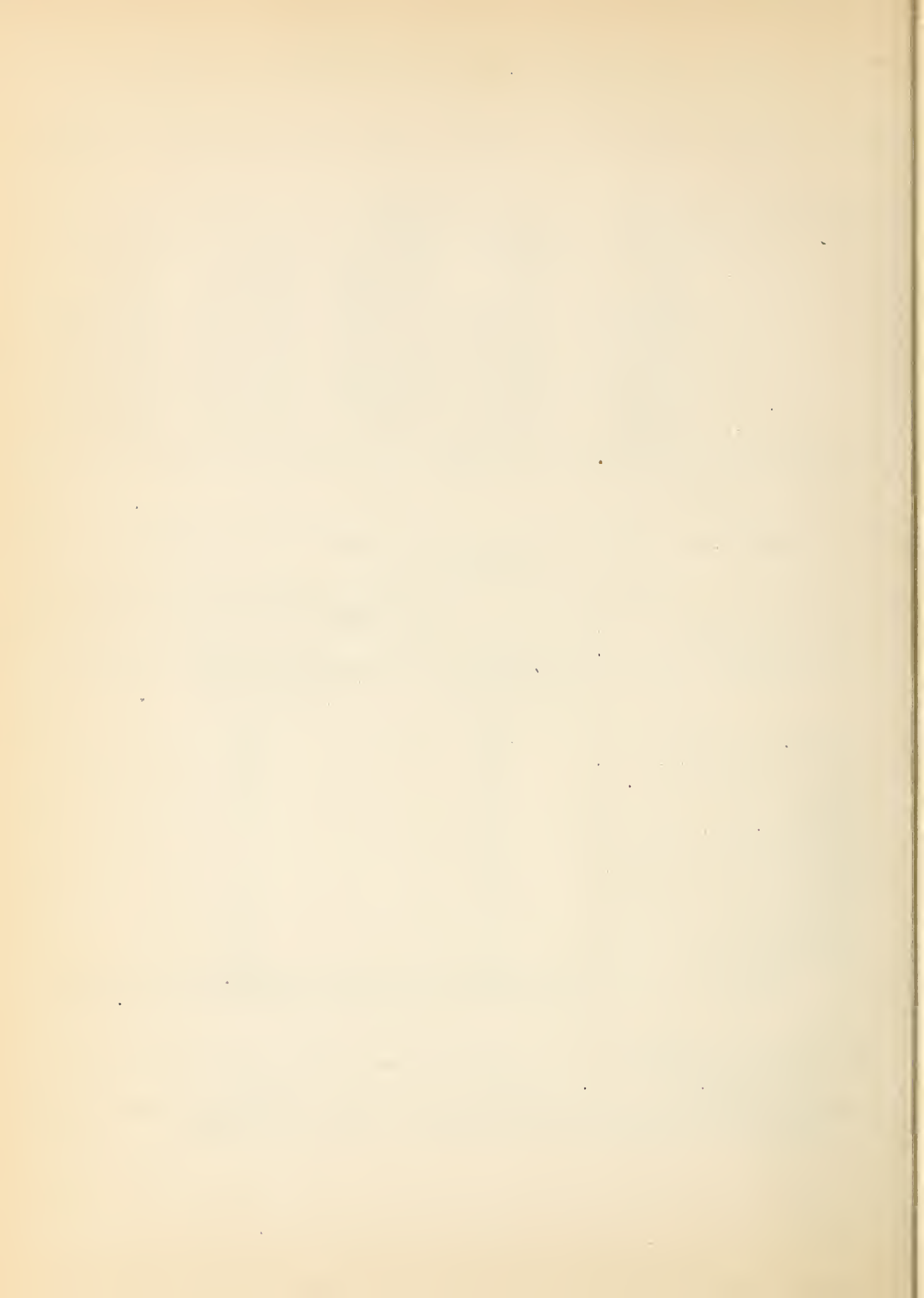


TABLE 8 - UNITED KINGDOM: Imports of flaxseed, by countries, 1922-1925

Country from which imported	Year ending December 31			
	1922	1923	1924	1925
	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>
Argentina.....	7,160	6,799	11,903	6,053
British East Indies.....	6,329	7,619	4,859	5,869
Russia.....	17	77	161	1,070
Canada.....	13	--	8	60
Other countries.....	835	765	856	586
	14,304	15,260	17,804	13,638

Compiled from Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom, December, 1924 and 1925.

TABLE 9 - GERMANY: Imports of flaxseed and linseed oil, by countries, 1924 and 1925

Country from which imported	Year ending December 31	
	1924	1925
FLAXSEED:	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>
Argentina .....	3,912	7,091
Belgium .....	---	275
Latvia .....	---	179
Lithuania .....	---	222
Netherlands .....	---	156
East Poland .....	---	61
West Poland .....	---	12
Russia .....	---	503
British India .....	---	1,019
Dutch East Indies .....	---	69
United States .....	---	148
Other countries .....	1,197	136
Total .....	5,109	9,871
LINSEED OIL:	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Belgium .....	---	1,696
United Kingdom .....	---	233
Netherlands .....	66,705	56,666
Other countries .....	1,803	184
Total .....	68,508	58,779
LINSEED OIL:		
In terms of flaxseed .....	3,654	3,135
Total flaxseed and linseed oil .....	3,763	13,006

Compiled from Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands.



TABLE 10-BELGIUM: Imports of flaxseed and linseed oil, by countries, 1924 and 1925

Country from which imported	Year ending:		11 months	
	Dec. 31,	1924	January-November	1925
Flaxseed:		1,000		1,000
		bushels		bushels
Argentina .....		2,572		1,596
British India .....		595		924
Latvia .....		201		116
France .....		196		171
Netherlands .....		66		76
Great Britain .....		6		---
Morocco .....		2		13
Germany .....	a/			---
Other countries .....		53		32
Total .....		3,691		2,928
Linseed oil:		1,000		1,000
		pounds		pounds
Netherlands .....		855		1,294
Great Britain .....		228		95
France .....		45		82
Germany .....		22		---
United States .....		3		---
Switzerland .....	a/			---
Other countries .....		23		148
Total .....		1,176		1,619
Linseed oil:				
In terms of flaxseed.....		63		86
Total flaxseed and				
linseed oil .....		3,754		3,014

Compiled from Bulletin du Commerce Special avec les Pays Etrangers.  
a/ Less than 500.

TABLE 11-CANADA: Exports of flaxseed, by countries, 1913, 1923-1925

Country to which exported	Year ending December 31			
	1913	1923	1924	1925
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
United States .....	12,375	2,371	2,961	5,502
United Kingdom.....	8,645	---	140	---
Other countries.....	1,929	---	---	a/
Total .....	22,949	2,371	3,101	5,502

Compiled from Monthly Report of the trade of Canada.

a/ Less than 500 bushels.





TABLE 12. - ARGENTINA: Exports of flaxseed, by countries, 1923, 1924, and eleven months, January-November, 1925

Country to which exported	Year ending December 31			11 months January-November
	1923	1923	1924	1925
	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels
United States.....	178:	14,514	9,815	9,334
Portuguese Possessions:	10,684:	13,699	21,745	155
United Kingdom.....	3,470:	2,908	4,964	1,041
Netherlands.....	2,820:	2,313	4,518	3,055
Germany.....	7,539:	1,986	3,837	4,276
Belgium.....	5,146:	1,185	3,294	1,613
France.....	1,443:	971	1,225	858
Sweden.....	308:	876	775	484
Denmark.....	47:	296	564	285
Norway.....	525:	271	89	71
Spain.....	0:	188	393	103
Italy.....	448:	175	472	132
Canada.....	0:	157	212	a/
Finland.....	0:	25	46	16
Brazil.....	30:	4	11	34
For orders.....	0:	0	1,280	16,680
Other countries.....	1,389:	465	213	0
Total.....	40,027:	40,050	53,453	38,187

Compiled from Anuario del Comercio Exterior de la Republica Argentina, 1924 and Estadistica Agro-Pecuaría, November, 1925.

a/ If any, included with "Other countries" or "For orders."

TABLE 13. - BRITISH INDIA: Exports of flaxseed, by countries, 1913, 1923-1925

Country to which exported	Year ending December 31			
	1913	1923	1924	1925
	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels
United Kingdom.....	5,393	7,991	4,347	5,228
France.....	4,367	3,065	3,413	2,565
Germany.....	1,774	285	282	536
Belgium.....	1,345	1,099	1,429	1,635
Italy.....	938	1,027	1,711	1,558
Netherlands.....	387	1,058	548	927
Spain.....	100	254	316	529
Australia & New Zealand:	a/	514	607	831
Other countries.....	381	64	352	437
Total.....	14,683	15,357	13,010	14,246

Compiled from Accounts relating to the Sea-borne Trade and Navigation of British India.

a/ Not separately stated.



## BLE 14. - LINSEED OIL: International trade, average 1909-1913, annual 1924-1925.

Country	Year ending December 31					
	Average a/		1924		1925	
	1909-1913				preliminary	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES:	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Argentina.....	886:b/	2:	739:	1,108:	:	:
Belgium.....	10,233:	26,790:	1,176:	19,471:	:	:
Netherlands.....	457:	73,634:	600:	142,549:	163:	146,520
United Kingdom.....	53,018:	58,013:	5,902:	63,477:	36,445:	56,784
PRINCIPAL IMPORTING COUNTRIES:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Australia.....	12,252:	--:	--:	--:	:	:
Austria.....	--:	--:	8,755:	--:	:	:
Austria-Hungary.....	16,767:	6,542:	--:	--:	:	:
Brazil.....	8,726:	--:	--:	--:	:	:
British India.....	3,430:	1,967:	2,161:	545:	2,139:	842
Canada.....	2,279:	--:	964:	98:	341:	66
Chile.....	2,854:	15:	--:	--:	:	:
Czechoslovakia.....	--:	--:	1,015:	--:	:	:
Denmark.....c/	c/	:	573:	67:	2,110:	112
Dutch East Indies.....d/	3,199:	--:	3,597:	--:	:	:
Egypt.....	3,647:	--:	4,122:	3:	:	:
Finland.....	812:	--:	4,358:	--:	4,490:	:
France.....	3,382:	10,931:	14,927:	5,503:	10,055:	3,305
Germany.....	5,251:	4,577:	68,508:	855:	58,779:	4,870
Greece.....	246:	--:	877:	--:	:	:
Italy.....	1,042:	165:	4,378:	266:	:	:
New Zealand.....	4,189:	--:	3,623:	9:	:	:
Norway.....	1,609:e/	53:	3,065:	--:	:	:
Philippine Islands....	809:	--:	839:	--:	:	:
Sweden.....	933:	5:	368:	81:	:	:
Switzerland.....	7,825:	16:	12,471:	11:	11,047:	5
Union of South Africa:	3,449:	--:	4,349:	--:	:	:
United States.....	2,605:	4,105:	17,247:	2,387:	13,507:	2,487
Other countries.....	7,562:	1,460:	12,393:	476:	:	:
Total.....	162,041:	188,075:	172,612:	241,916:	141,176:	214,991

Compiled from official sources except where otherwise noted.

Conversions made on the basis of 7.5 pounds to the gallon.

- a/ International Institute of Agriculture, Oleaginous Products and Vegetable Oils.  
b/ Four-year average.  
c/ Not separately stated.  
d/ Two-year average.  
e/ Includes reexports.



TABLE 15 - FLAXSEED: International trade, average 1911-1913,  
annual 1924-1925

Country	Year ending December 31					
	Average		1924		1925	
	1911-1913				Preliminary	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES:	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Argentina .....	1:	25,562:	1:	53,453:	a/	38,187
British India .....	b/ 323:	b/ 14,409:	c/ 44:	13,010:		14,246
Canada .....	39:	10,645:	395:	3,101:	d/	5,502
China .....	--:	648:	--:	209:		
Estonia e/ .....	--:	--:	101:	111:		
Latvia e/ .....	--:	--:	413:	693:		
Lithuania e/ .....	--:	--:	--:	734:		
Morocco .....	--:	338:	--:	283:		
Rumania .....	19:	120:	d/	2:		
Russia .....	80:	5,730:	--:	e/ 1,176:		
Tunis .....	d/	39:	d/	21:		
Uruguay .....	--:	294:	--:	c/ 1,118:		
PRINCIPAL IMPORTING COUNTRIES:						
Australia .....	103:	d/	e/ 718:	--:		
Austria e/ .....	--:	--:	17:	d/		
Austria-Hungary .....	1,913:	41:	--:	--:		
Belgium .....	9,313:	5,965:	3,601:	246:		
Czechoslovakia .....	--:	--:	837:	e/ 2:		
Denmark .....	1:	--:	865:	d/	575:	--
Eritrea e/ .....	--:	--:	250:	210:		
Finland .....	110:	d/	177:	d/ e/	102:	--
France .....	6,304:	60:	6,474:	30:	5,837:	20
Germany .....	15,312:	210:	5,109:	24:	2,871:	66
Hungary e/ .....	--:	--:	13:	11:		
Italy .....	1,698:	1:	2,288:	1:		
Japan .....	f/ 27:	f/ 27:	406:	1:		
Netherlands .....	8,741:	2,488:	11,479:	165:	10,221:	232
Norway .....	445:	--:	605:	--:	507:	--
Spain e/ .....	--:	--:	602:	--:		
Sweden .....	911:	7:	1,212:	d/	1,335:	--
United Kingdom .....	15,208:	--:	17,765:		13,540:	--
United States .....	7,298:	010:	16,589:	--:	16,510:	--
Other countries .....	575:	139:	260:	313:		14
Total .....	69,171:	67,533:	70,311:	74,914:	58,728:	58,267

Compiled from official sources except where otherwise noted.

a/ Eleven months. b/ Two-year average. c/ Three months only. d/ Less than 500 bu. e/ International Institute of Agriculture. f/ One year only.

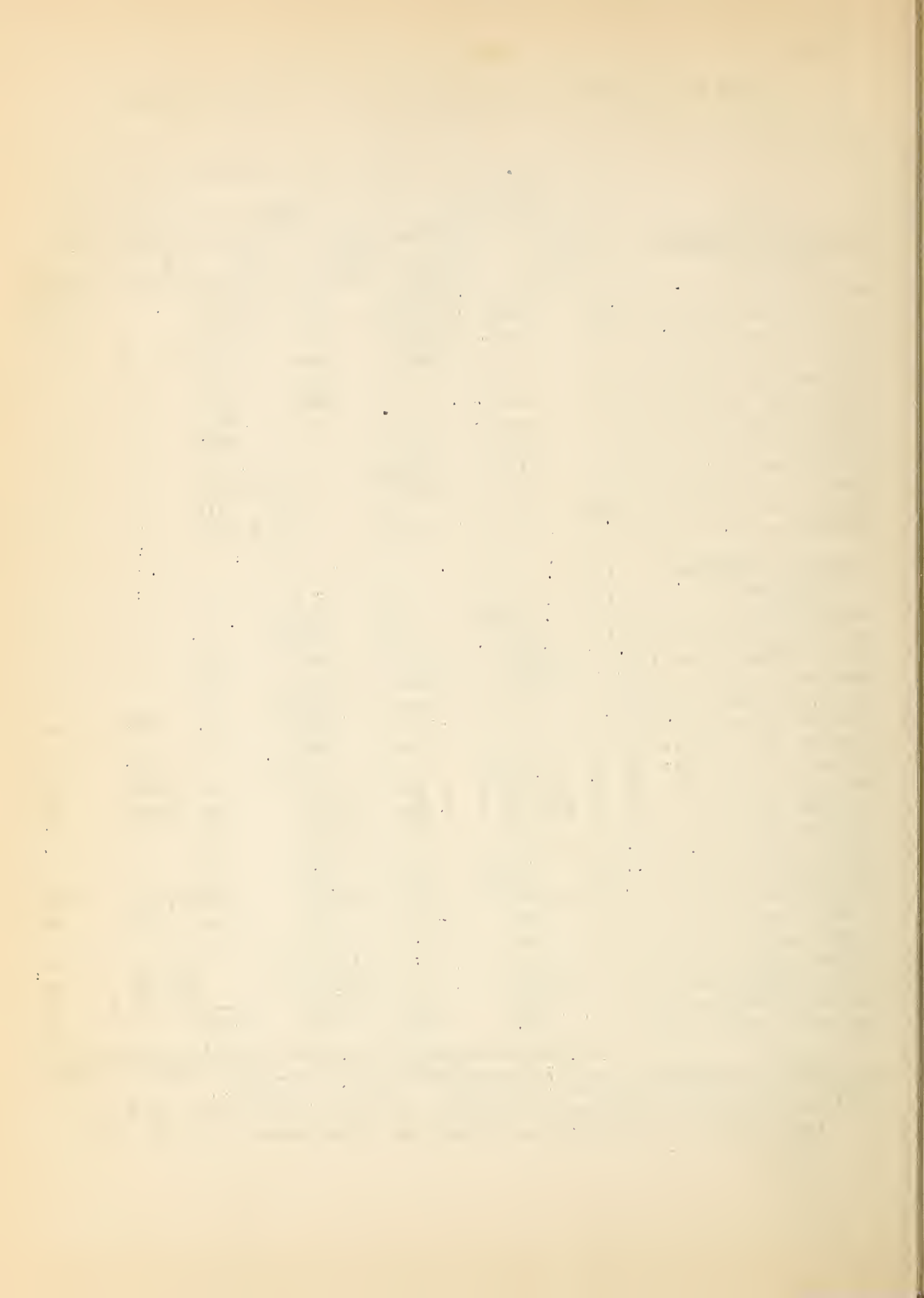




Table 16 - FLAXSEED (No.1 N.W.C.). Average monthly cash price per bushel of 56 pounds at Winnipeg, 1914, 1920-1925. a/

Month	1914	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.
Jan. ....	\$1.26	\$4.30	\$1.65	\$1.71	\$2.15	\$2.08	\$2.68
Feb. ....	1.31	4.48	1.60	2.17	2.31	2.22	2.63
Mar. ....	1.36	4.82	1.54	2.28	2.39	2.07	2.50
Apr. ....	1.36	4.94	1.33	2.29	2.80	2.02	2.35
May ....	1.35	4.45	1.51	2.42	2.43	2.12	2.44
June ....	1.40	3.81	1.61	2.32	2.30	2.11	2.37
July ....	1.44	3.23	1.67	2.37	2.18	2.26	2.22
Aug. ....	1.42	3.10	1.80	2.03	2.05	2.34	2.40
Sept. ....	1.30	2.20	1.80	2.02	2.04	2.20	2.37
Oct. ....	1.12	2.63	1.63	2.13	2.08	2.33	2.33
Nov. ....	1.24	2.04	1.63	2.09	2.04	2.35	2.29
Dec. ....	1.39	1.75	1.60	2.06	1.95	2.48	2.26

Compiled from the published reports of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Conversions to United States currency during 1914 at par of exchange; 1920-1925 at monthly average rates of exchange at New York as quoted in Federal Reserve Bulletins.

a/ Basis Fort William and Fort Arthur.

Table 17 - FLAXSEED, 4% extraneous matter: Average price per bushel of 56 pounds at Buenos Aires, 1913, 1920-1925

Month	1913	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.
Jan. ....	\$1.14	\$2.30	\$1.40	\$1.62	\$1.72	\$1.62	\$2.44
Feb. ....	1.14	2.64	1.33	1.91	1.83	1.66	2.41
Mar. ....	1.12	3.05	1.33	1.86	1.87	1.58	2.25
Apr. ....	1.17	3.09	1.15	1.89	2.02	1.58	2.09
May ....	1.20	3.01	1.30	1.96	1.72	1.60	2.14
June ....	1.20	2.92	1.40	1.84	1.94	1.68	2.11
July ....	1.28	2.52	1.56	1.91	1.86	1.88	2.02
Aug. ....	1.34	2.43	1.65	1.58	1.62	1.98	2.12
Sept. ....	1.28	2.46	1.55	1.69	1.70	1.99	2.06
Oct. ....	1.23	1.93	1.33	1.84	1.94	2.12	1.94
Nov. ....	1.20	1.77	1.36	1.77	1.93	2.21	1.94
Dec. ....	1.26	1.54	1.44	1.82	1.78	2.26	1.83
Av. ....	\$1.21	\$3.48	\$1.40	\$1.81	\$1.83	\$1.84	\$2.11

Compiled from International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics and Review of the River Plate. Conversions to United States currency during 1913 at par of exchange; 1920-1925 at monthly average rates of exchange at New York as quoted in Federal Reserve Bulletins.

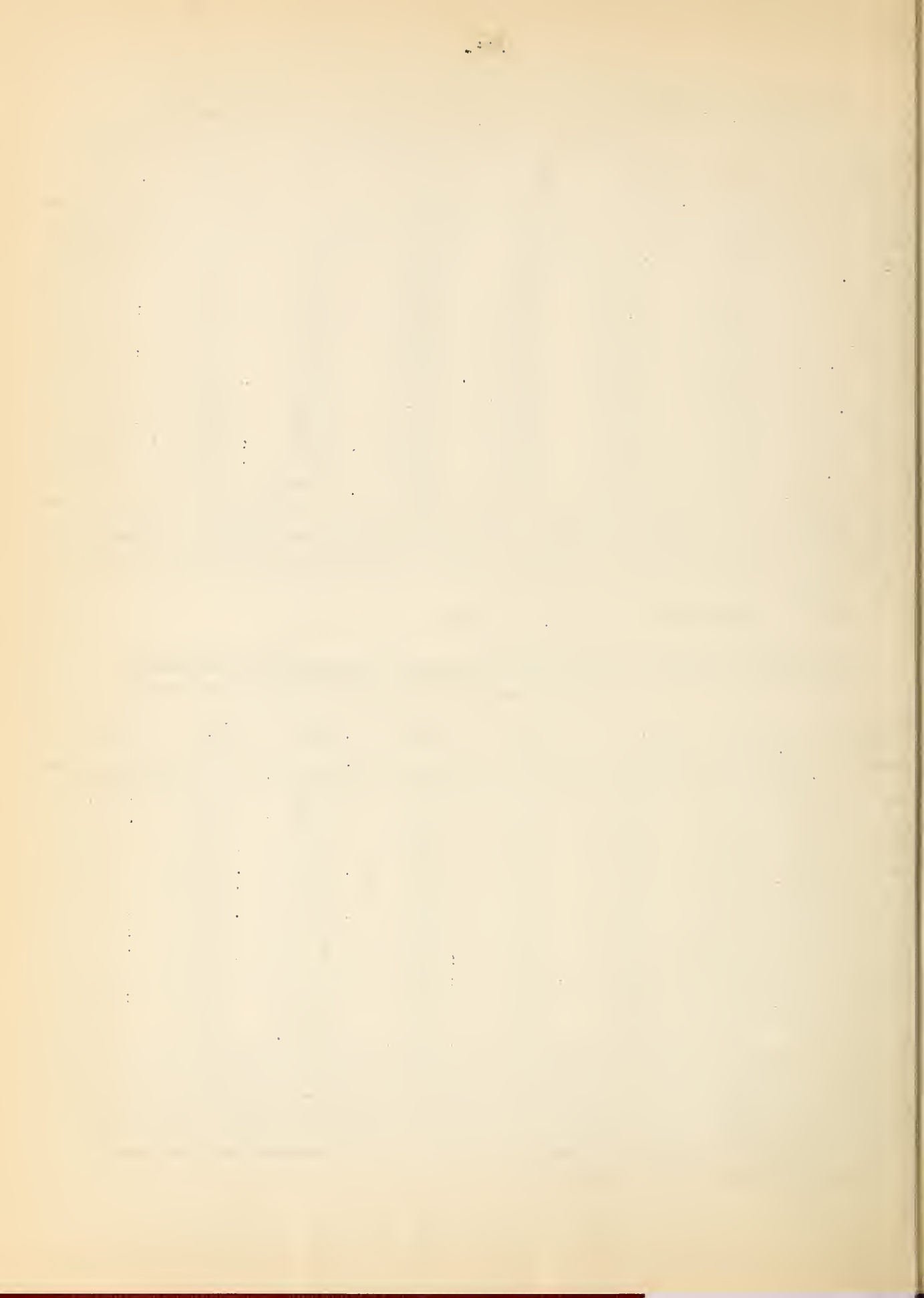


TABLE 18-FLAXSEED, "BOLD:"<sup>a/</sup> Average price per bushel of 56 pounds at Bombay, 1913, 1920-1925. <sup>b/</sup>

Month	1913	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.
Jan. ....	\$1.39	\$3.96	\$1.96	\$1.67	\$2.10	\$2.14	\$2.56
Feb. ....	1.42	4.28	1.76	1.80	2.07	2.10	2.65
Mar. ....	1.33	4.21	1.78	2.00	2.09	1.94	2.50
Apr. ....	1.26	4.04	----	1.88	2.12	1.90	2.37
May ....	1.31	3.60	----	2.12	2.14	1.83	2.42
June ....	1.23	3.46	----	2.12	2.02	1.88	2.44
July ....	1.30	3.28	----	2.21	2.09	2.05	2.41
Aug. ....	1.42	3.05	----	2.14	1.98	2.26	2.44
Sept. ....	1.36	2.94	----	1.92	2.01	2.24	2.41
Oct. ....	1.31	3.06	----	1.90	2.16	2.32	2.28
Nov. ....	1.12	2.71	----	2.03	2.10	2.43	2.24
Dec. ....	1.30	2.15	----	2.01	2.19	2.40	2.20

Compiled from International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics, 1923, and Indian Trade Journal. Conversions to United States currency during 1913 at old par of exchange, i.e., 1 rupee = 32.44 cents; 1920-1925 at monthly average rates of exchange at New York, as quoted in Federal Reserve Bulletins.

<sup>a/</sup> So designated in original quotations as distinguished from small seed.

<sup>b/</sup> For 1913 and from 1920 to 1924 figures represent price per bushel first week of each month. Beginning with 1925 figures represent monthly average of the weekly quotations.

TABLE 19-FLAXSEED (No.1): Average monthly price per bushel of 56 pounds at Minneapolis, 1913, 1920-1925. <sup>a/</sup>

Month	1913	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.
Jan. ....	\$1.29	\$5.12	\$1.96	\$2.13	\$2.80	\$2.50	\$3.15
Feb. ....	1.34	5.09	1.82	2.46	3.04	2.58	3.12
Mar. ....	1.26	5.02	1.78	2.57	3.07	2.49	2.97
Apr. ....	1.29	4.69	1.53	2.70	3.40	2.47	2.79
May ....	1.30	4.53	1.84	2.80	2.94	2.46	2.80
June ....	1.31	3.92	1.86	2.50	2.80	2.44	2.68
July ....	1.38	3.48	1.89	2.59	2.70	2.47	2.49
Aug. ....	1.47	3.28	2.01	2.29	2.34	2.44	2.54
Sept. ....	1.45	3.23	2.03	2.28	2.38	2.26	2.59
Oct. ....	1.38	2.83	1.81	2.38	2.48	2.40	2.58
Nov. ....	1.35	2.27	1.81	2.48	2.41	2.58	2.56
Dec. ....	1.44	2.06	1.89	2.62	2.46	2.84	2.61

Compiled from Annual Reports of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Minneapolis Daily Market Record.

<sup>a/</sup> Prices for 1913 and 1920 are average closing prices. From Jan. 1, 1921 prices are weighted averages.



TABLE 20-FLAXSEED: Average price per bushel of 56 lbs., Minneapolis, Winnipeg, and Buenos Aires, by months, crop years, 1923-24 to 1925-26

Crop year	Minneapolis <sup>a/</sup>	Winnipeg <sup>b/</sup>	Buenos Aires <sup>c/</sup>	Margin	
				Minneapolis over Winnipeg	Minneapolis over Buenos Aires
1923-24:	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.	Per bu.
Sept....	\$2.38	\$2.04	\$1.70	\$0.34	\$0.68
Oct....	2.48	2.08	1.94	.40	.54
Nov....	2.41	2.04	1.93	.37	.48
Dec....	2.46	1.95	1.78	.51	.68
Jan....	2.50	2.08	1.62	.42	.88
Feb....	2.58	2.22	1.66	.36	.92
Mar....	2.49	2.07	1.58	.42	.91
April...	2.47	2.02	1.58	.45	.89
May....	2.46	2.12	1.60	.34	.86
June....	2.44	2.11	1.68	.33	.76
July....	2.47	2.26	1.88	.21	.59
Aug....	2.44	2.34	1.93	.10	.46
1924-25					
Sept....	2.26	2.20	1.99	.06	.27
Oct....	2.40	2.33	2.12	.07	.28
Nov....	2.58	2.35	2.21	.23	.37
Dec....	2.34	2.43	2.26	.36	.58
Jan....	3.15	2.63	2.44	.47	.71
Feb....	3.12	2.63	2.41	.49	.71
Mar....	2.97	2.50	2.25	.47	.72
Apr....	2.79	2.35	2.09	.44	.70
May....	2.80	2.44	2.14	.36	.66
June....	2.68	2.37	2.11	.31	.57
July....	2.49	2.22	2.02	.27	.47
Aug....	2.54	2.40	2.12	.14	.42
1925-26:					
Sept....	2.59	2.37	2.06	.22	.53
Oct....	2.58	2.33	1.94	.25	.64
Nov....	2.56	2.29	1.94	.27	.62
Dec....	2.61	2.26	1.83	.34	.77
Jan....	2.50	2.11	1.67	.36	.83
Feb....	2.43				

Minneapolis prices compiled from Minneapolis Daily Market Record; Winnipeg prices from published reports of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and Buenos Aires prices from International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics and Review of the River Plate. Conversions to U. S. currency at monthly average rates of exchange at New York as quoted in the Federal Reserve Bulletins.

<sup>a/</sup> Averages of daily prices of Grade No. 1 weighted by car-lot sales.

<sup>b/</sup> Grade No. 1 N. W. C., basis Fort William and Port Arthur.

<sup>c/</sup> Four per cent extraneous matter.







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SECOND INDIAN LINSEED ESTIMATE BELOW LAST YEAR

The second estimate of 2,918,000 acres for the area sown to linseed in India for the 1925-26 season is slightly above the first estimate this season of 2,768,000 acres, but 3 per cent below the 3,019,000 acres reported at the same time last year, according to the Indian Trade Journal. Final acreage for the 1924-25 season amounted to 3,695,000 acres. A later trade report states that the quality of the linseed crop in the Central Provinces and in parts of the United Provinces has been damaged by untimely rains and the yield may be somewhat reduced.

The area under rape and mustard seed, so far reported, amounts to 3,299,000 acres compared with a revised figure of 3,695,000 acres for the second estimate last year. The final acreage of these crops last year was 6,376,000 acres.

The condition of all of the crops mentioned, at the time of the estimates, was, on the whole, reported to be fair.

ARGENTINE FLAXSEED ESTIMATE UNCHANGED

The third estimate of flaxseed production in Argentina is placed at 75,075,000 bushels according to a cablegram from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome which is practically the same as the first estimate received in November. This is an increase of 66.5 per cent over 1924-25 when production amounted to 45,084,000 bushels.

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1925-26 OILSEEDS CROP OF INDIA BELOW LAST SEASON

The 1925-26 flaxseed crop of India is estimated at 16,039,000 bushels or 25.9 per cent below the large 1924-25 crop of 21,640,000 bushels, according to a cable received in the Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. In spite of this large decrease in India, which is one of the important world flaxseed producers, total world production for the 1925-26 season is considerably above that of 1924-25 due largely to the enormous crop of Argentina previously reported. The production in India, together with a few minor changes in other countries, brings the total flaxseed production in 20 countries for which statistical returns have been received, to approximately 155,386,000 bushels compared with 132,175,000 bushels produced by the same countries in 1924-25.

The production of rape and mustard seed in India for the 1925-26 season is placed at 1,018,100 short tons compared with 1,313,000 short tons last season, a decrease of 22.5 per cent.

Preliminary figures on flax sowings for the 1926 season have been received from five countries. These countries, however, are not of sufficient importance to give an indication of the situation for this season. The figure for Esthonia indicates a large decrease from last year's figure but is only slightly below the area of approximately 76,000 acres sown in both 1923 and 1924.

FLAX: Sowings in specified countries 1925 and 1926.

Country	1925	1926	Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Belgium .....	58,000	58,000	100
Italy .....	51,900	49,400	95.2
Czechoslovakia .....	61,170	56,178	91.8
Esthonia .....	112,800	74,000	65.6
French Morocco .....	55,200	49,400	89.5

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FLAXSEED OUTLOOK FOR 1926-27



Latest reports on flaxseed production for the Northern Hemisphere excluding India continue to indicate a crop below that of 1925 although the September reports for the United States and Canada show some improvement over the reports of August 1. The crops for these two countries, which provided about 20 per cent of the world's total in 1925, are estimated at 15 per cent below those of last year, on the basis of the September 1 condition.

No definite indication of the size of the Russian flaxseed crop has been received. The condition of the Russian flax crop on August 15 was reported by the International Institute of Agriculture to be slightly above average but below the condition at the same time last year. Earlier reports had indicated an increase of about 10 per cent in flax acreage over last year. An increase in Russian flaxseed production of 8 to 10 per cent would not offset the decrease reported for North America. Unofficial reports recently received from Russia tend to indicate less favorable conditions there.

A preliminary forecast of the 1926-27 crop of Argentina places the acreage at 6,300,000 acres compared with a final estimate of 6,201,100 acres sown in 1925-26. Sowing of the new crop in India is now in progress. The first estimate of acreage will not be available until December or January.

Conditions are varied in European countries other than Russia where the crop is grown for both seed and fiber. In Latvia the crop has been improved slightly in the last few weeks due to favorable rains, according to a Trade Journal. In Hungary, Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State the crops are said to be progressing well and satisfactory yields are expected. Wet weather has done some damage in Belgium and the Netherlands reports the International Institute of Agriculture.

The cultivation of flax is said to be increasing in North Manchuria according to Consul Billiestrom. In the spring of 1926 an approximate total of 1,080 acres was placed under the plant in North Manchuria exclusive of small scattered acreages along the eastern branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway. The Consul states that there is reason to believe that most of this year's seed will be resown and that in 1927 from 8,000 to 10,000 acres will be placed under flax. It is hoped that an export trade in linseed may result from this extension. The fiber will be consumed locally for the manufacture of linen bags and rough cloth.







## FLAX: Production estimates, average 1909-13, annual 1924 - 1926

Country	: Average : : 1909-1913 :	: 1924 :	: 1925 :	: 1926 :	:Per cent :1926 is :of 1925
<u>SEED</u>	: <u>Bushels</u> :	: <u>Bushels</u> :	: <u>Bushels</u> :	: <u>Bushels</u> :	:Per cent
Canada, revised .....	: 12,040,413:	: 9,695,000:	: 9,297,100:	: 7,359,000:	: 79.2
United States, revised:	: 19,542,600:	: 31,711,000:	: 22,018,000:	: 19,255,000:	: 87.5
Belgium .....	: a/ 472,000:	: 463,501:	: 488,100:	: 466,800:	: 95.6
Italy .....	: 340,000:	: 422,000:	: 504,000:	: 393,700:	: 78.1
Bulgaria .....	: 6,000:	: 3,858:	: 3,437:	: 5,100:	: 148.4
Lithuania .....	: 1,126,000:	: 1,331,618:	: 1,655,400:	: 1,653,000:	: 99.9
Tunis .....	: 37,084:	: 15,353:	: 37,300:	: 37,400:	: 100.3
Total above countries	: 33,564,097:	: 43,642,330:	: 34,003,337:	: 29,170,000:	: 85.8
Estimated world total	: 111,500,000:	: 132,800,000:	: 157,500,000:	:	:

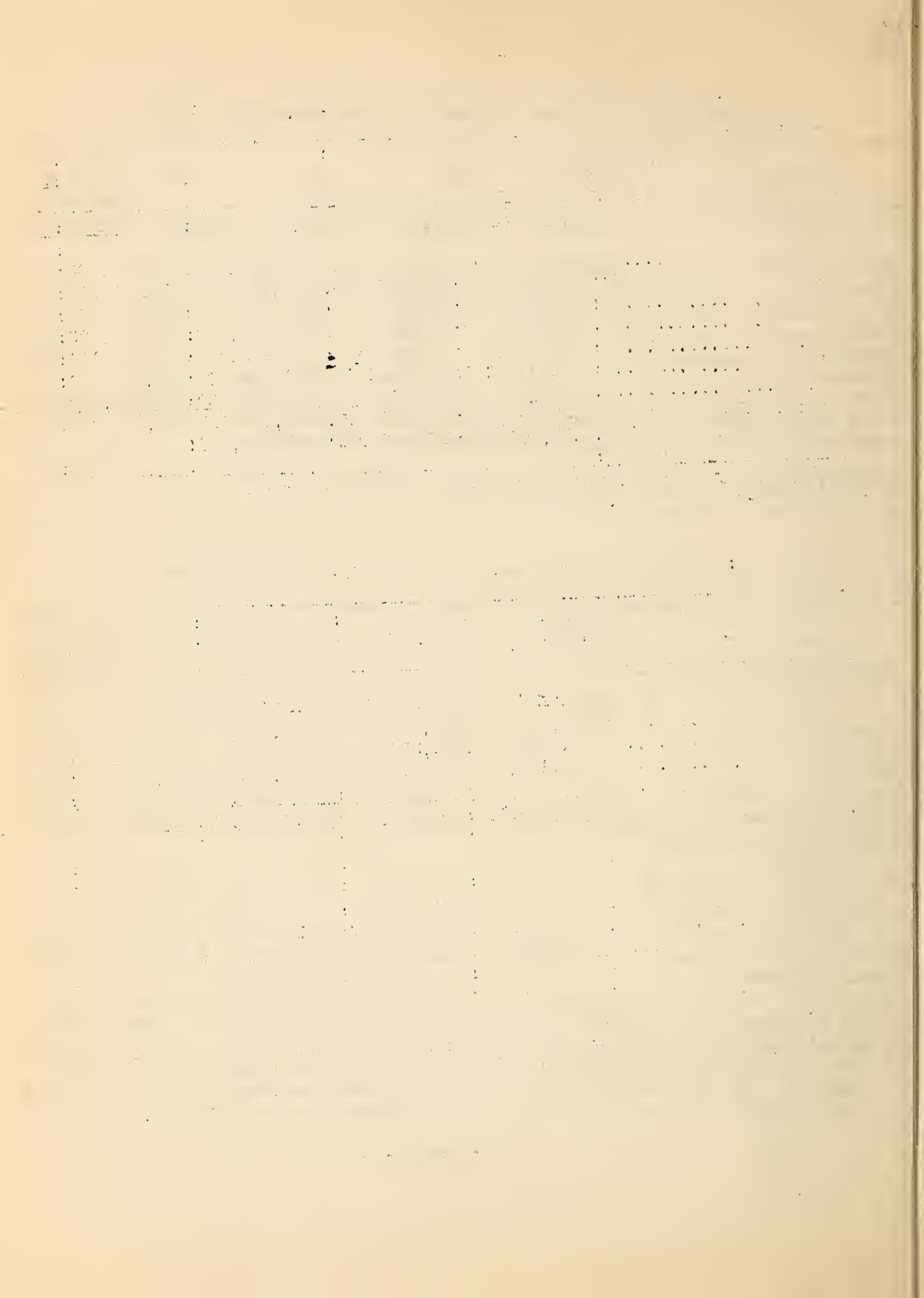
Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Three-year average.

## FLAX: Estimates of acreage, average 1909-13, annual 1924-1926

Country	: Average : : 1909-1913 :	: 1924 :	: 1925 :	: 1926 :	:Per cent :1926 is :of 1925
<u>COUNTRIES PRODUCING SEED</u>	: <u>Acrea</u> :	: <u>Acrea</u> :	: <u>Acrea</u> :	: <u>Acrea</u> :	:Per cent
United States .....	: 2,489,800:	: 3,469,000:	: 3,012,000:	: 2,842,000:	: 94.4
Canada, revised .....	: 1,034,874:	: 1,276,667:	: 1,128,100:	: 832,000:	: 73.8
Argentina .....	: 4,113,434:	: 5,379,345:	: 6,201,100:	: 6,300,000:	: 101.6
Morocco and Tunis ....	:	: 50,554:	: 53,900:	: 55,100:	: 102.2
Total, 5 countries ...	: a/ 7,638,108:	: 10,175,566:	: 10,395,100:	: 10,029,100:	: 96.5
<u>COUNTRIES PRODUCING SEED AND FIBER</u>	:	:	:	:	:
11, countries previously reporting and unchanged b/ .....	: 923,194:	: 889,037:	: 1,035,611:	: 929,588:	: 89.8
Belgium, revised .....	: 48,930:	: 54,461:	: 57,878:	: 58,600:	: 101.2
Total, 12 European countries .....	: 972,124:	: 943,498:	: 1,093,489:	: 988,188:	: 90.4
Total, 17 countries...	: a/ 8,610,232:	: 11,119,064:	: 11,488,589:	: 11,017,288:	: 95.9
Estimated world total c/	: 15,950,000:	: 18,216,000:	: 19,146,000:	:	:

a/ Excludes Morocco and Tunis. b/ See Foreign Crops and Markets, July 19 and Aug. 16. c/ Excludes a few minor producing countries whose flax crops do not enter into world trade and for which no estimates are available.



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WORLD FLAXSEED CROP OF 1926

Estimates of flaxseed production have now been received for all important producing countries except India, which country in the last four years has produced on an average about 15 per cent of the world total. Total production for the 15 countries reporting amounts, according to present estimates, to 128,993,300 bushels which is 5.1 per cent less than the 135,960,616 bushels produced in those countries last year but much higher than any other crop in the post-war period. It is also 43.8 per cent above the average for the pre-war period of 1909-13.

Considerable reductions are shown in comparison with last year in the crops of the United States and Canada, the United States crop being 13.2 per cent below and the Canadian 27.8 per cent below. The United States crop is still a high production, being exceeded only by the crops of 1925, 1924 and 1912 in the 17 years beginning 1909. The Canadian crop is about normal.

The Argentine crop is 4.6 per cent below the bumper crop of 1925 but is higher than any other crop on record. The crop is reported to be in good condition generally although slight damage has occurred as a result of rains during the last half of November and the first half of December.

The Russian estimate of 25,904,000 bushels is 9.1 per cent larger than the 1925 estimate, despite earlier Russian newspaper reports indicating a probable decrease. This is the largest crop reported for present Russian territory. Russian trade reports reflect some dissatisfaction among the peasants of that country as a result of the low prices received for the 1925 crop, which may be reflected in a reluctance to put the present crop on the market.

For the flaxseed crop of India, which is harvested not long after the Argentine, the first estimate of acreage is not expected until about January 1. The Indian crop in the past 17 years has ranged from 9,400,000 bushels to 25,800,000 bushels. Last year's crop was 16,040,000 bushels.

In the tables below are given the latest estimates reported for flaxseed production in the various countries.





FLAXSEED: Production in specified countries, average  
1909-13, annual 1924-26

Country	Average 1909-13	1924	1925	1926	Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
United States .....	19,542,600:	31,547,000:	22,424,000:	19,459,000:	86.3
Canada .....	12,040,413:	9,695,000:	9,297,100:	6,715,000:	72.2
Argentina .....	31,113,598:	45,083,680:	75,113,438:	71,650,000:	95.4
Russia .....	13,984,000:	16,508,000:	23,740,000:	25,904,000:	109.1
Estonia .....	733,000:	460,400:	488,800:	541,700:	110.8
Italy .....	340,000:	422,000:	504,000:	445,000:	88.3
France .....	534,000:	416,563:	309,841:	326,300:	105.5
Rumania .....	707,000:	222,767:	320,500:	232,500:	72.5
Other countries a/ ..	3,141,034:	3,215,133:	3,762,937:	3,719,300:	98.8
Total above countries	87,144,695:	107,570,543:	135,260,616:	126,993,300:	94.7
Estimated world total	111,200,000:	132,800,000:	157,500,000:		
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a/ Includes Latvia, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Austria, Bulgaria and Tunis.

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